# The Plantlife of Ratho

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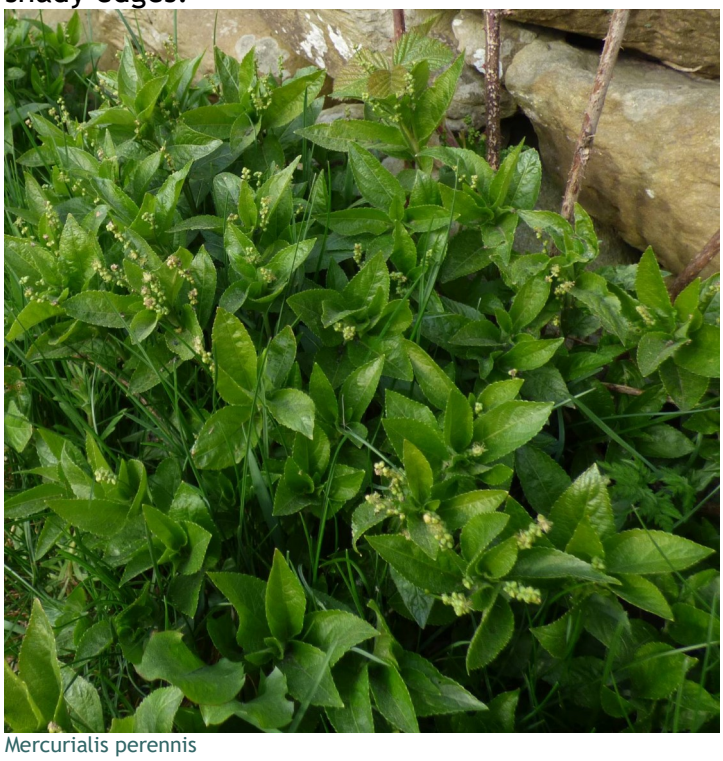
## Mercuries (Mercurialis)

**Dog's Mercury** – Common in woods and half-shady edges.

The plant is upright and unbranched.



Mercurialis perennis

## Spurges (Euphorbia)

**Petty Spurge** - Common in low vegetation and disturbed areas, often on pavement sides and wild in gardens.

The leaves are untoothed, with flowers as below.

Euphorbia peplus

**Sun Spurge** – Common in disturbed ground, sometimes growing rather larger than this.

The leaves are toothed (below).

Euphorbia helioscopia

**Turkish Wood Spurge** – Often planted, but when escaped or discarded spreading vegetatively, here growing on the canal bank near the boats.

The leaves are unhairy and rather tough.

Euphorbia amygdaloides ssp robbiae

**Spurge (Other)** – Casual / escape / relic - I forgot to return to get detailed photos for an id.

Euphorbia sp.

**Cypress Spurge** – Occasional. At several spots in the east of the village, and a large stretch of A71 roadside near Dalmahoy Road.

Euphorbia cyparissias